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This application is the U.S. national phase of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/014903, filed December 24, 2003, which corresponds to German Patent Application No. 102 61 706.6 filed December 30, 2002.

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Some of the references identified in Form PTO/SB/08a were cited in an International Search Report (ISR) dated May 3, 2004 in the underlying International Application. The references cited in the ISR are relevant for the reasons stated therein. The January 19, 2007 Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), indicates that a copy of the ISR has been received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Therefore, a copy of the ISR is not enclosed herewith.

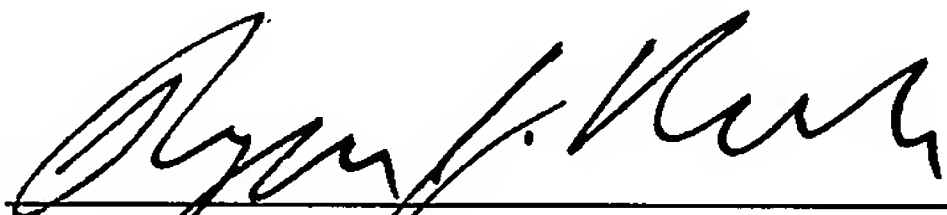
The remaining references identified in Form PTO/SB/08a were cited in Office Actions dated July 15, 2003 and March 5, 2004 issued by the German Patent and Trademark Office in a corresponding German Application and are relevant for the reasons provided therein.

Additionally, an English-language abstract has been provided for each of the non-English language references identified in Form PTO/SB/08a except for German Patent Publication No. DE 34 22 641, which corresponds to United States Patent No. 4,538,399. Each of these references is further relevant for the reasons provided in the English-language abstracts or the U.S. equivalent.

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